

REMARKS

This responds to the Appeal Decision dated October 27, 2010.

Claims 1 and 15 are amended, claims 10 and 24 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-9, 11-23 and 25-28 remain pending in this application. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification, and at least at page 15, lines 1-23. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced with the amendments.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 112

Claims 10 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 10 and 24 have been canceled, therefore the rejection is believed moot.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 102

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gatto et al. (U.S. 6,916,247). A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *M.P.E.P* § 2131. To anticipate a claim, a reference must disclose every element of the challenged claim and enable one skilled in the art to make the anticipating subject matter. *PPG Industries, Inc. v. Guardian Industries Corp.*, 75 F.3d 1558, 37 USPQ2d 1618 (Fed. Cir. 1996). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). It is not enough, however, that the prior art reference discloses all the claimed elements in isolation. Rather, “[a]nticipation requires the presence in a single prior reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, *arranged as in the claim.*” *Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co.*, 730 F.2d 1452, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (citing *Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 722 F.2d 1542, 220 USPQ 193 (Fed. Cir. 1983)) (emphasis added). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-28 as amended contain elements not found in Gatto.

For example, claim 1 as amended recites that “the discovery agent and gaming machines on a first side of a firewall coupled to the gaming network, the gaming service on a second side

of the firewall.” Claim 15 recites similar language. Applicant has reviewed Gatto and can find no disclosure of the recited language. Gatto does not disclose a firewall. As a result, Gatto cannot disclose any methods or system in which a discover agent authorizes service provided that exist on the opposite side of a firewall as recited in claims 1 and 15. As a result, Gatto does not anticipate claims 1 or 15. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 15.

Pending claims 2-9 and 11-14 depend from claim 1. Pending claims 16-23 and 25-28 depend from claim 15. These dependent claims are therefore not anticipated by Gatto for at least the reasons discussed above regarding their respective base claims 1 and 15.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (612) 373-6954 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

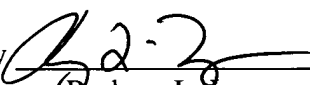
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